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ARREST RELEASE

DATE & TIME **05/03/14 3:26 PM**

Bureau: **Field Services Bureau**

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Phone: **815-961-3214**

Incident: **Homicide - 1000 15th Street UPDATE**

MESSAGE

At about 3:10 a.m. on Saturday May 3, 2014, Rockford Police District 2 officers responded to 1014 15th Street in Rockford for a disturbance with a gunshot fired. Upon arrival, the officers located Savannah Johnson, a 24-year-old Rockford woman, deceased within the residence. Detectives were called in to investigate and obtained an arrest warrant for the decedent's boyfriend, 26-year-old Jamie Key of 1014 15th Street, for two counts of Attempt First Degree Murder. During the investigation, the Police Department received information indicating Key was located in an apartment within the building at 2208 8th Street, a large multi-family structure. Officers secured the residence, made contact with Key and asked him to exit the apartment to surrender to police. Key initially refused to exit, which led to a six-hour stand-off with police. Police Department negotiators maintained communication with Key and convinced him to surrender, leading to a successful apprehension without injury to the suspect or officers.

The cause of death for the decedent has yet to be determined; additional charges may follow.

This is an active investigation and the Rockford Police Department urges anyone with information to contact the Rockford Police Shift Commander at 815-987-5824 or Rockford Area CrimeStoppers at 815-963-7867.

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